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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #2-2

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TO: All Fire Prevention Staff

FROM: Fire Marshal Steve Zaccard

SUBJECT: OPEN BURNING

CODE REF: M.S. 88.17, MN State Fire Code Sec. 307.3.2

Open burning is permitted under the following conditions:

A. RECREATIONAL FIRES

1. Maximum fuel area is 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
2. No fire permit is required for a Recreational Fire.
3. No burning for disposal. No rubbish, construction materials or paper products can be burned.
4. Fires that **are not** contained in an approved burning appliance must be at least 25 feet from a building or combustible materials.
5. Fires that **are** contained in an approved burning appliance should be no closer than 15 feet from a building or combustible materials.
6. Any conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a building shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
7. The means shall be provided to extinguish the fire. This includes buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a minimum 4A fire extinguisher.
8. Fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment provided.
9. Fires shall not be ignited if the wind speed is 10 mph or more.
10. The fire department may order the fire to be discontinued if, in our opinion, the fire constitutes a hazardous condition or produces obnoxious smoke or odors that may cause a public nuisance.

B. OPEN BURNING

1. **Open Burning requires a fire permit from the Saint Paul Fire Marshal's office.**
2. Open Burning can be used for disposal, except that paper products and materials that may produce obnoxious smoke and odors cannot be burned.
3. Prior to ignition, the fire department must be notified at 651-224-7371.
4. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a building or other combustible materials.
5. Open Burning may be conducted within 25 feet of a building or other combustible material if the pile size is no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
6. Open Burning may be conducted within 15 feet of a building or other combustible materials if the burning takes place solely within an approved burning appliance.
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